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SUBJECT: SYRIAN PRESS CONTINUES FACTUAL REPORTING OF
LEBANESE "COUP"

1. SYRIAN PRESS CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FACTURAL COVER-
AGE OF LEBANESE "COUP" WHILE RADIO AND TELEVISION
GIVING ONLY MINIMAL DETAILS. MARCH 13 MORNING
RADIO DID NOT EVEN MENTION LEBANON.

2. MARCH 13 AL-THAWRA, HOWEVER, GIVES PROMINENCE
TO AHDAB'S ACTIVITIES BANNERING "LATEST DEVELOP-
MENTS OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON; BRIG. AHDAB
ISSUES HIS SEVENTH COMMUNIQUE AND THE CHAMBER OF
DEPUTIES WILL MEET WITH THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP
TODAY." ARTICLE NOTED THAT LEBANESE POLITICIANS
HAD BEEN MEETING TO FIND SOLUTION TO PROBLEM,
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THAT AHDAB HAD SUPPORT OF OTHER MILITARY COM-

MANDERS, AND THAT CURFEW HAD BEEN LIFTED MARCH
12. REPORT CITED AHDAB'S SEVENTH COMMUNIQUE,
BROADCAST AT 2045, THAT 24 HOUR PERIOD GRANTED TO
FRANGIE HAD ELAPSED, PRES. NOW CONSIDERED TO
HAVE "RESIGNED," AND CALLED UPON FRANGIE TO DO
HIS NATIONAL DUTY, AL-THAWRAH THEN REVIEWED
DEVELOPMENTS BEGINNING WITH AHDAB'S ANNOUNCEMENT
OF "COUP."

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON
LEBANESE EVENTS.
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